

**National Water Program  
State Grant Performance Template  
Measure Selection and Communication Strategy**

Measure Selection: The National Water Program measures were selected to optimize the information derived while minimizing the impact to the states in reporting requirements. The Office of Water's overall strategy was to select a limited set of our most important measures.

The measures were carefully selected from the FY 2007 draft Strategic Plan and Program Activity Measures (PAMs), published in the draft National Program Guidance. We also placed a strong emphasis on existing PART measures, which we linked directly to our Strategic Plan and PAMs.

Several factors were considered. Measures must be:

- √ Currently reported by states
- √ Significantly related to the grant
- √ Targeted measures. The selected measures are primarily measures with targets. One exception is an indicator (WQ23-b) that is an integral sub-element of a targeted measure that was selected.
- √ Identified in only one workplan, and not duplicated in other grant templates (although a performance measurement may not be exclusively related to the grant, with which it is identified).

Please note that the limited number of measures within these five grant templates does not supersede existing requirements for reporting the complete universe of National Program Guidance measures through other established processes.

Outreach Strategy: The attached templates are being circulated to internal and external stakeholders using a variety of networks:

- The Office of Water has already had extensive discussions with our state partners regarding this new requirement.
- Our DAA will have preliminary discussion(s) of the draft templates with the ECOS Water Chairperson, Steven Chester.
- Continued discussion and feedback through the National Program Guidance review process. These measures (a subset of all OW measures being reviewed in the FY 2007 draft National Program Guidance) are posted on the internet for review and comments through April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussions will be held throughout the process via the State and Tribal Steering Committee, which includes EPA, states, Tribes and various water associations' members. The next meeting is scheduled for March 30.